

Marine Protected Areas

Marine Conservation

Site Information Centres

Summary

JNCC has a responsibility to provide information on the protected features of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) within UK offshore waters, and more broadly to educate on offshore marine conservation matters. To support this, JNCC have published [Site Information Centres](#) (SICs) for all offshore UK MPAs as a 'one-stop shop' for a wide-range of audiences.

Work involved

JNCC has utilised skills in effective communication to develop SICs that convey complex information about offshore MPAs in an engaging and accessible style suitable for a wide range of stakeholders. For each site JNCC has developed:

- A **Summary** tab with a more detailed description of the site;
- An **Evidence** tab outlining data regarding the presence and extent of protected features of the site;
- A **Conservation Advice** tab which sets out the full conservation objectives for the site and provides advice on operations which are capable of affecting the protected features of the site;
- An **Activities and Management** tab that describes our understanding of the activities occurring within the site and any available information on the management of these activities;
- A **Monitoring** tab that provides information on site condition and monitoring activities within the site;
- An **Assessment** tab that has information on how the condition of the protected features has been assessed against legal obligations.

Key Outcome

Site Information Centres on all offshore MPAs in UK waters.

Future Work

Future work will focus on improving JNCC's online Site Information Centres and preparing short promotional videos that showcase MPAs in UK offshore waters. JNCC actively seeks opportunities to collaborate with partners to achieve these priorities.

Identified research priorities

JNCC are looking to have focused user meetings with our customers to ensure Site Information Centres remain fit for purpose.

Further information

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Country: UK

Main Driver: Offshore Habitats Regulations

Period of work: 2012 - Present

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Anton Dohrn Seamount MPA

Status: Candidate Special Area of Conservation and Site of Community Importance (eSAC/SICI)

Anton Dohrn Seamount is situated 230 km west of the Outer Hebrides, to the west of Scotland. The seamount is an extinct volcano with steep sides and a relatively flat top that is approximately 40km in diameter.

Protected Features	Feature Type	Conservation Objective
LTD Seab	Annex I habitat	Revert to Favourable Condition

Conservation Objectives
Revert to Favourable Condition

Timeline

The diagram below is a summary of the key milestones involved in the selection and designation of Anton Dohrn Seamount eSAC/SICI. More detail can be found within the relevant documentation listed below:

- June 2011: Site formally recommended to the UK Government as a draft SAC
- May 2012: Public consultation
- October 2012: Site submitted to the European Commission (site becomes a candidate SAC)
- September 2015: Site is approved by the European Commission as a Site of Community Importance (SCI)
- 2016: OSP management measures to be implemented

Relevant documentation

The documents referred to below and any other historical documents relating to Anton Dohrn Seamount eSAC/SICI were produced during the selection and designation process and therefore may be out of date. This Site Information Centre is the best up to date source of information for this MPA and will reflect any additional information gathered since these documents were produced.

- Nature Scoping Data Form - provides details about the eSAC/SICI and the designated features
- SAC Selection Assessment Document - A more detailed overview of the eSAC/SICI designated features and rationale for site selection
- Conservation Objectives and Advice on Operations - information about feature sensitivity, vulnerability and risk and the Conservation Objectives for the designated features of the site
- March 2012 - May 2012 Consultation: Pre-consultation Report & Impact Assessment - An overview of the consultation outcomes, and an assessment of the environmental, social and economic costs and benefits of the designation

Information about the SAC site selection process is available on the [JNCC SAC pages](#)



Screenshots of the Anton Dohrn Seamount MPA SIC (Jan 2017). Image © JNCC

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